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Operationat of Road Transport Services by district boards and other local authorities.

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Mr. SPEAKER :—" The hon. Member Sri C. Rajam Ramaswamy is not in his place. The question and answer will be printed in the proceedings."

Sri C. RAJAM RAMASWAMY : Will the Hon. the Minister for Religious Endowments and Transport be pleased to state whether there is any proposal to hand over the operation of Road Transport Services, either for passengers or for goods, to district boards or local authorities?

The Hon. Sri B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The answer is in the negative."

Prosecutions for irregularities in the co-operative institutions in Ramanathapuram district.

* 467 *Q.*—Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN (on behalf of Sri D. K. Raju) : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state the names of—

(*a*) the co-operative institutions in the Ramanathapuram district in respect of which prosecutions have been launched against their office-bearers since 1953 for defalcation and misappropriation of funds;

(*b*) those in which convictions have taken place; and

(*c*) those in regard to which cases are still pending?

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) *to* (*c*) A statement[a] is placced on the table of the House."

Sri V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" For how long are the investigations under items 7, 8 and 9 pending, Sir? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I cannot give the information now."

Sri R. V. SWAMINATHAN :—" May I ask the Hon. Minister whether it is a fact that these kinds of misappropriation and defalcation in the co-operative societies in all the districts and particularly in Ramanathapuram, are due to the inefficiency and lack of proper supervision and control by the local authorities? In that case, will the Government come forward to appoint a special officer to investigate into the matter and find out whether these misappropriation and defalcation cases were due to lack of efficiency on the part of officers of these societies? "

The Hon. Sri A. B. SHETTY :—" I have already stated Government propose to appoint a committee to go into the working of the co-operative movement and to suggest such improvements and changes as are found necesary."

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[a] Printed as Appendix IV on page 511 infra.